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Dr. Marshall W. Nirenberg
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Dear Dr. Nirenberg:

I read with great interest the report in the newspaper of your receiving the 31st annual Research Corporation Award for "outstanding achievements in science" at the dinner held in New York on January 19 and wish to add our congratulations. We are most interested in your experiments pertaining to "protein synthesis which led to a partial 'cracking' of the genetic code and stimulation of further research activity all over the world."

In the teaching of health education to our many students, we are covering this area of genetics and the inherited physical aspects of man. I am interested in finding out if your experiments suggest whether or not any human characteristics, generally referred to as personality, may be genetically determined. I for one am not ready to concede that all characteristics are acquired as irrefutably stated by associates who are social scientists.

If time will permit, we shall be most appreciative of any response you may give to the question posed.

Sincerely yours,



Louis G. Chacos
Chairman of Health
and Physical Education

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